

The South Dakota Child Development Associate (SDCDA) Training Project provides early childhood professional training and mentorship for individuals who work with children.



CDA Credential

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is a nationally-recognized early childhood professional credential. The CDA assessment and credentialing procedures are administered by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C.

The goal of this national program is to enhance the quality of care children receive in early childhood programs. People who pursue the CDA credential learn to nurture children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth.

CDA students can specialize and complete credentialing procedures in one of the following areas:

- ✦ Preschool Center-Based
- ✦ Infant/Toddler Center-Based
- ✦ Family Child Care
- ✦ Home Visitor

CDA Training

The SDCDA Project consists of adult education training programs located throughout the state. Classes are offered during hours that are convenient for people who work with children during the day. The SDCDA courses address the following training areas:

- ✦ Planning a safe, healthy learning environment.
- ✦ Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development.
- ✦ Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development.
- ✦ Strategies to establish productive relationships with families.
- ✦ Strategies to manage an effective program operation.
- ✦ Maintaining commitment to professionalism.
- ✦ Observing and recording children's behavior.
- ✦ Principles of child growth and development.



CDA Curriculum

The curriculum provides formal training and professional mentorship that supports each student's ability to meet the national CDA assessment requirements including:

- ✦ 120 hours of formal education.
- ✦ Professional Resource File and other documentation of competence.
- ✦ Formal observation completed by trained CDA advisors.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, you must currently work with children or wish to pursue a career working with children. Also, you must have an opportunity to work with children during the training.

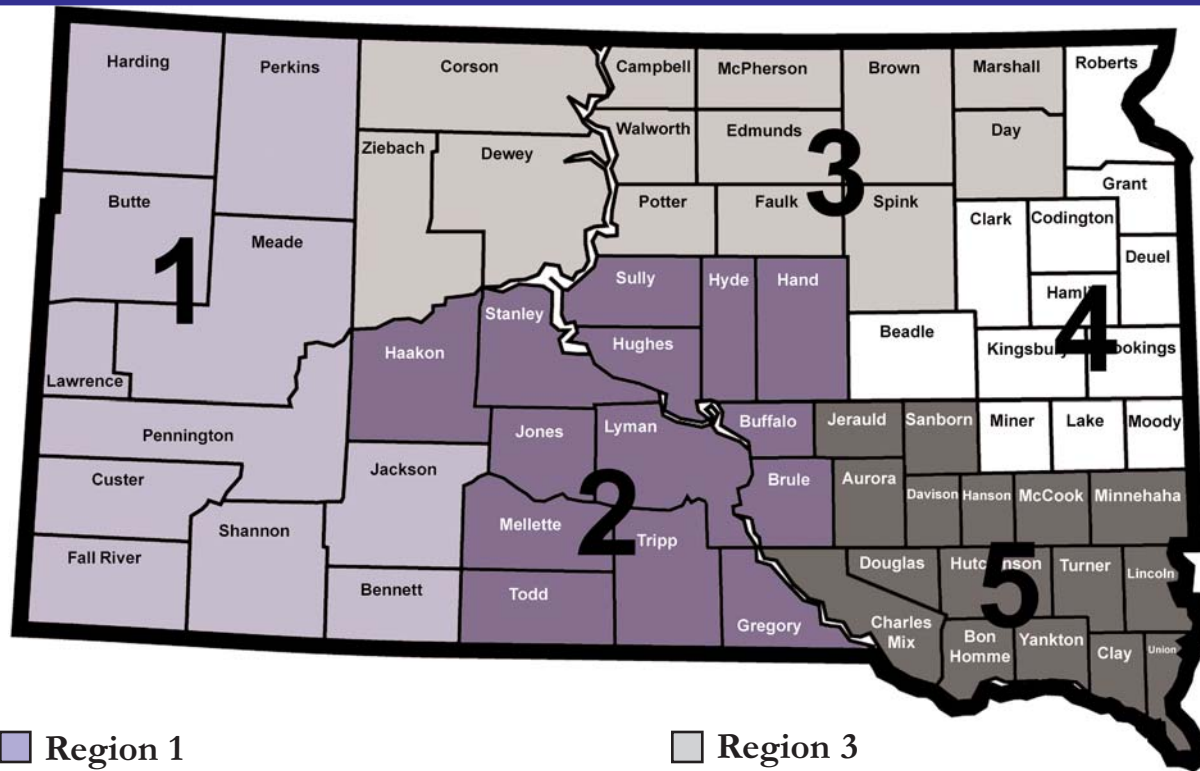
Prior to applying for the national CDA assessment, you must:

- ✦ Be at least 18 years old.
- ✦ Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- ✦ Have 480 hours of experience working with children within the past 5 years.
- ✦ Have 120 hours of formal early childhood education completed within the past 5 years.

Enrollment Information

SDCDA is part of the Early Childhood Enrichment training system. For more information about enrollment, program costs or training in your area, contact the Early Childhood Enrichment program nearest you. Addresses and phone numbers for each regional program are listed on the back of this brochure.





Region 1

Early Childhood Connections

809 South Street Suite 304

Rapid City, SD 57701

Telephone: (605) 342-6464 or 1-888-999-7759

Email: ecconn@rushmore.com

Region 2

Pierre Area Referral Service

118 E. Missouri

Pierre, SD 57501

Telephone: (605) 945-1037 or 1-800-499-4767

Email: ece@dakota2k.net

Region 3

Early Childhood Partners

1500 N. Main St.

Aberdeen SD 57401

Telephone: (605) 229-8505 or 1-800-982-6404

Email: early@presentation.edu

Region 4

Family Resource Network

HDCFS Department, SDSU, Box 2218

Brookings, SD 57007

Telephone: (605) 688-5730 or 1-800-354-8238

Email: sdsu.frn@sdstate.edu

Region 5

Sioux Valley Children's CHILD Services

1115 W. 41st St.

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Telephone: (605) 333-0698 or 800-227-3020 (Ext. 4)

Email: childsrv@siouxvalley.org

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www.dss.sd.gov/childcare



Child Care Services:
1-800-227-3020



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